<u>REMARKS</u>

This application pertains to a novel method for the continuous production of polymers made of vinyl compounds by bulk or solution polymerization.

Claims 1-3 and 5-27 have been allowed, but the specification has been objected to. The reason the specification has been objected to is that the Examiner sees no antecedent basis in the specification for the "or" portion of the "and/or" expression in the connector between parts c and d in claim 1.

The paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 6 has now been amended to provide the necessary antecedent basis. The amendment of the expression "and" to --and/or-does not present any new matter because this expression is present in the connector between parts c and d of original claim 4.

In view of the present amendments and remarks it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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